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行方を追っていた巻き狩り一族だが…
刀に人格を見る異能を持つ
修業時代の刀研ぎ職人綺譚！

古墳時代、この地で作られた
七つの枝を持つ異形の太刀が誕生した！
何代にもわたり

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「宮司さんいらっしゃる？」
「いらっしゃろ。」
「あの神話にいっぱいでてくる
七つの枝のついた刀のことなら
僕はこう呼ぶ「古墳のやんちゃな銅」
（ようと読む）「魔」（ぬと読む）
刀（ぬと読む）と呼ぶんやー！」

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名門の刀工の家に生まれた成川滉（なりかわこう）。
家業の刀鍛冶を継ぐことを周りから期待されるが、本人は向いていないと悩み中。友人も少なく、何事にも自信がない、そんな滉は、人間や動物の形をとった刀自身の姿が見えてしまう特殊な能力の持ち主だった…！
その体質ゆえに贋刀を抜刀し、幸御家の当主に選ばれ、次々と刀のからむ事件に巻き込まれてしまうが…。

【第15話】頼みの刀
SWORD OF FAVORS

AH, YOU STILL LOOK SO YOUNG, REIKO-SAN
IS EVERYONE DOING WELL?
HO HO HO HO HO
LONG TIME NO SEE.
MRS. SASAKI!
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
Cheese Cake
OH, DEAR ME I JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASS-ING BY...
COME TO THINK OF IT, AKIRA-KUN MUST BE ALL GROWN UP BY NOW
IS HE HOME?
MOM, HAVE YOU SEEN MY JACKET?
AH, AKIRA! YOU'VE BECOME A FINE, YOUNG MAN!
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK! PLEASE LOOK AT THIS PHOTO!
THIS IS THE GIRL MY SON IS DATING. DO YOU THINK IT'S FINE FOR THEM TO GET MARRIED?

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE, KOUJUN-SAN! I WANTED YOUR PRODIGY HERE TO HAVE A LOOK AT A MARRIAGE PARTNER
UH OH...
WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU'RE SO LOUD
AKIRA! YOU WERE DOING THAT AGAIN?!
THAT'S WHY SHE'S HERE?!
S-STOP, MRS. SASAKI!
I DON'T KNOW!
JUST TAKE A LITTLE LOOK, ALRIGHT?!
IT ALL STARTED BACK THEN...
SOME OF OUR RELATIVES SEE ME AS A PRODIGY
I haven't done any thing!
WE GET SUDDEN VISITS LIKE THIS ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR

..WHEN A PROTECTIVE SWORD WENT OUT OF CONTROL.
REI-SAN, THE BRIDE DRESSED IN A FINE WHITE KIMONO,
IS NOW ENTERING WHILE HOLDING THE HAND OF KOUJI-SAN, THE GROOM.
OKAY, ALL DONE
GO OUT THIS DOOR, THEN WALK STRAIGHT AHEAD.
MOVE ALONG THE RED CARPET, PRESENT THE BOUQUET TO THE GROOM,
AND THE PROTECTIVE SWORD TO THE BRIDE.
OKAY.

REI IS BEING TRICKED...
SHE'LL END UP UNHAPPY
NO...
I WON'T ALLOW THIS WEDDING TO GO AHEAD..
HE'S HAVING WEIRD CONVERSATIONS WITH HIMSELF
T-THAT'S NOT A NICE THING TO SAY, YOUNG MAN. YOU MUST CONGRATULATE HER
EVERYONE THINKS AKIRA-CHAN IS CREEPY..
REI-CHAN IS..
BEING TRICKED?
SHE'LL END UP UNHAPPY?
WHAT ANNOYING WOMEN!
HMPH!
YOU CAN HEAR MY VOICE, CAN'T YOU, BOY?
.. BECAUSE HE TALKS TO SWORDS.

TELL THE BRIDE
THAT HER PARTNER IS AN EVIL MAN!
THESE TWO LOVELY CHILDREN HAVE PRESENTS TO GIVE.
YUKARI SASAKI-CHAN IS HOLDING A SPLENDID BOUQUET OF FLOWERS
THE BRIDE'S FATHER IS A MASTER CRAFTSMAN WHO MAKES SHEATHS FOR JAPANESE SWORDS
THE PROTECTIVE SWORD WHICH WILL WATCH OVER THE BRIDE—
WAS FORGED BY HER UNCLE, KOUJIN NARIKAWA-SAMA...
.. AND WILL BE PRESENTED BY HER SECOND COUSIN, AKIRA NARIKAWA-KUN

IF I SAY IT'S NO GOOD,
IT'S NO GOOD!
AKIRA-CHAN?
TELL HER TO BREAK UP WITH HIM, NOW!

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ざわ
WAAAH!
I'M SCARED!
I'M SCARED OF THAT MAN!
I'M SCARED!
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ざわ
ざわ
WAAAAH!
AKIRA!
DEAR!
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THAT'S RIGHT! CRY EVEN MORE!
I'LL EAT YOU IF YOU DON'T CRY!
ARGH!
西川家親族控室
*NISHIKAWA FAMILY RELATIVES' WAITING ROOM

THANKS TO YOUR CRYING
EVERYONE IS NOW SUSPICIOUS OF THE GROOM!
YOU DID WELL
THE MAN FROM THE SWORD
YOU AREN'T ANGRY ANYMORE?
YOUR PARENTS ARE BUSY APOLOGIZING TO EVERYONE
REI IS PUTTING ON HER MAKE-UP AGAIN
ガチャ!
IF THINGS GO WELL... REI SHOULD BREAK UP WITH THE GROOM
HMM?
IT'S THAT AWFUL GROOM...
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SORT THIS OUT, YOU DAMN KID?
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE?

N-NO! WHY DID HE LOCK THE DOOR?
RUN AWAY, YOUNG MAN!
OW!
!!
BE QUIET. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU STRUGGLE.

LISTEN UP...
IF I DON'T SELL THAT LAND AND MAKE SOME MONEY, I'LL BE IN TROUBLE!
I'LL END UP WITH SOME LAND IF THE MARRIAGE GOES THROUGH!
YOU WICKED MAN! YOU'VE SHOWN YOUR TRUE SELF!
YOU'RE GOING TO TELL THE OTHERS THAT I'M A NICE GUY.
YOU GOT THAT?!
TCH
REI-CHAN GOT INVOLVED WITH SOME...

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF AKIRA-CHAN!
LOSER
I'M GOING TO CRUSH YOU!
WHAT IS IT?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
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THAT TIME, HAYATO-KUN, ONE OF REI'S RELATIVES, KNOCKED OUT THE GROOM
This tastes good!
I WAS SAVED, BUT REI-CHAN'S MARRIAGE WAS RUINED.
I'M SCARED OF THAT MAN!
BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED,
WHEN THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE RELATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY GET ENGAGED ...
IT WAS LATER DISCOVERED THAT HER GROOM BELONGED TO A COMPANY THAT WAS GREATLY IN DEBT.
RATHER THAN BEING PUNISHED, YOU WERE ACTUALLY THANKED.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT MAN, AKIRA-KUN?
IS HE A GOOD PERSON? A SCARY PERSON?
I DON'T KNOW!
OH, GOODNESS! OF COURSE YOU DO! COME ON, LOOK CAREFULLY!
AKIRA.
THAT'S...
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE INEXPERIENCED AND DON'T EVEN HAVE A GIRLFRIEND
...THOSE RELATIVES COME AND TALK TO YOU

REI-CHAN'S FATHER
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...
EISUKE-KUN FROM THE NISHIKAWA FAMILY WANTS YOU TO SHARPEN A SWORD FOR HIM.
IT'LL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SEE A SHEATH MAKER AT WORK. GO NOW.
FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS.
SHE HAS REMAINED UNMARRIED
BECAUSE OF THAT INCIDENT, REI-CHAN MISSED OUT ON GETTING MARRIED.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRONGER
ALTHOUGH I WAS A CHILD, I SHOULDN'T HAVE CRIED THAT MUCH.
BACK THEN, I FELT SOME SORT OF REPONSIBILITY TOWARDS REI-CHAN,
WHO WAS THERE IN HER WEDDING DRESS
EXCUSE ME.
COMING!
YOU'RE EARLY!

COME OVER..
HERE ...
REI-CHAN ...
GO HOME!
MY FATHER CALLED YOU HERE, DIDN'T HE?!
YOU HAVE BEEN DECIDING WHETHER OUR RELATIVES' MARRIAGE PROPOSALS SHOULD GO AHEAD!
HUH? PEOPLE TALK ABOUT IT THAT MUCH?!
MY BOYFRIEND IS COMING TO VISIT TODAY.
IF YOU LET OUT A SINGLE COUGH WHEN YOU SEE HIM,
MY FATHER WILL BE AGAINST HIM!

THINGS WERE REALLY ROUGH AFTER THE CEREMONY...
I WAS IN TEARS AS I TOOK OFF
THE WEDDING DRESS I HAD DREAMT OF WEARING...
I ONLY CAME HERE TODAY TO DO SOME WORK FOR YOUR FATHER.
AND... I'VE NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT ANYONE'S MARRIAGE PROPOSALS.
BE QUIET.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A SINGLE WORD FROM YOU CAN AFFECT SO MUCH...
IF YOU'RE HERE TO WORK, THEN GO TO THE WORKSHOP AND KEEP QUIET!
IT REALLY WAS MY FAULT.
DON'T SET ONE FOOT OUT OF THERE!

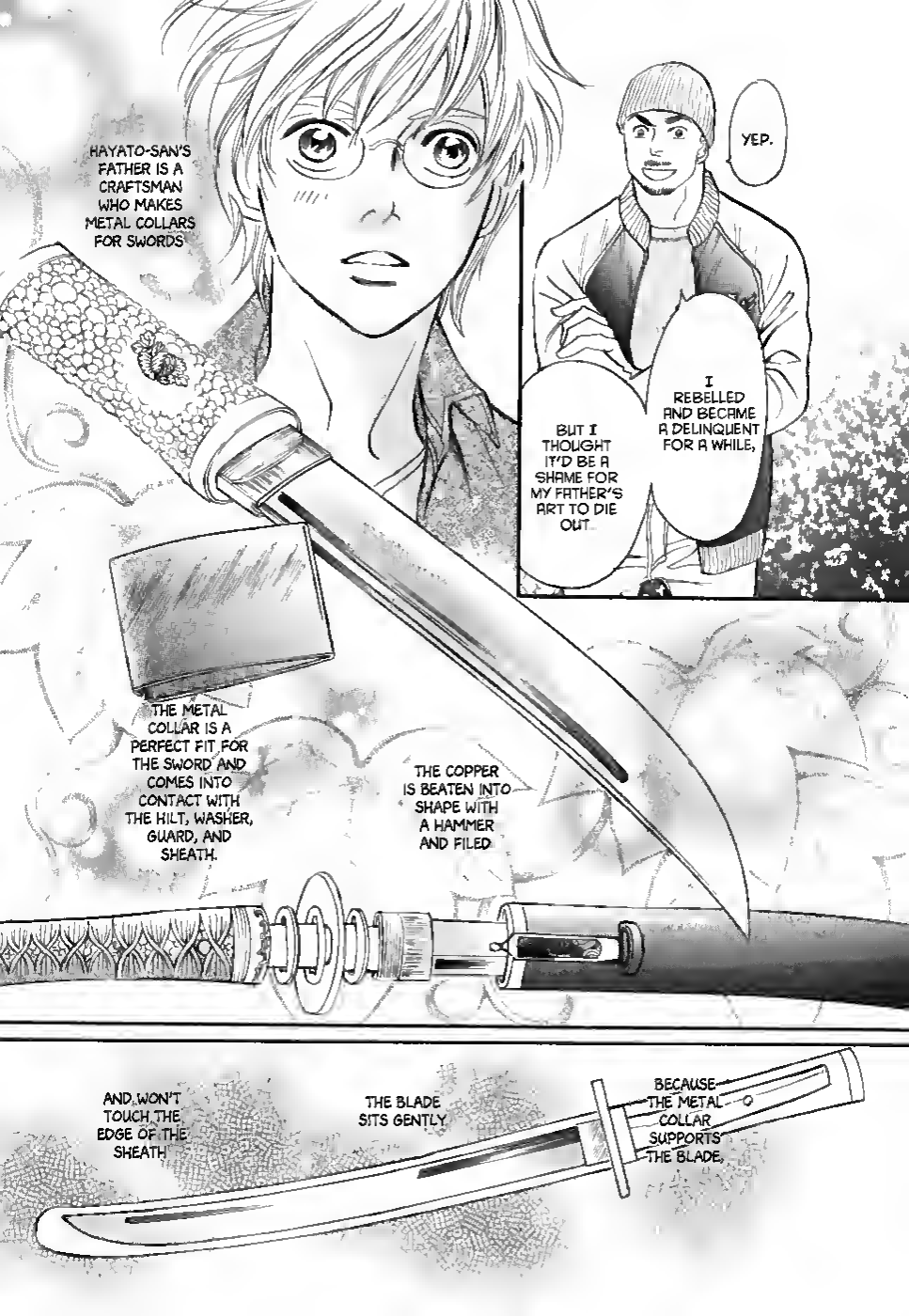
I FEEL...
A LITTLE DEPRESSED...
A SHAMEFUL PERSON...
I TRULY AM...!
WHAT THE...?!
STOP! LET GO OF ME!
I WON'T LET GO!
YOU ARE THE BOY WHO STOPPED REI'S WEDDING, ARE YOU NOT?!
I'M BEGGING YOU! PLEASE CRY AGAIN.
!

COME ON, CRY!
ARGH HHH!
WAAH.
THERE'S NO WAY I'D DO THAT.
That's an expensive looking scroll
I'M NOT FIVE YEARS OLD ANY-MORE
AH...
YOU'RE ONE OF REI'S RELATIVES, AREN'T YOU?
DON'T YOU CARE IF REI ENDS UP UNHAPPY?
LET ME SAY SOME-THING, TOO.
YOU'RE REI'S PROTECTIVE SWORD, AREN'T YOU?
YOU SHOULD HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GET RID OF
THE EVIL AROUND HER BEFORE IT LEADS TO A DISASTER.

I COULD...
PREVENT THE DISASTER?
IT'S STRANGE.
MY FATHER FORGED THAT PROTECTIVE SWORD.
AND REI-CHAN'S FATHER MADE THE SHEATH.
MY FATHER'S SWORDS ARE STUBBORN, BUT THEY'RE RELIABLE AND STRONG.
PROTECTING THEIR OWNER BY RUINING A WEDDING CEREMONY.
WOULD HAVE BEEN UNTHINKABLE.
ARE YOU HERE, OLD MAN?!
HE'S GONE OUT TO BUY CIGARETTES
I'M GONNA COME IN.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT DAD ASKED TWO PESTS AROUND HERE ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT DAY!
AN IMPORTANT DAY?
PESTS?
HMM. YOUR BOYFRIEND IS COMING AROUND?
LEAVE ME ALONE!
I ONLY DROPPED BY BECAUSE I WANTED TO
WHO'S THE OTHER PEST?
HE'S IN THE WORKSHOP.
DON'T COME PAST HERE!
IT'D BE A BAD OMEN, SO DON'T YOU DARE!
AH

AKIRA-CHAN.?
YES, IT'S YOU!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME? IT'S HAYATO!
WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE THAT TIME.
THAT OTHER TIME.?
Punch!
YOU LOOK COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
WELL, IT HAS BEEN TEN YEARS, AFTER ALL.
AH, YOU'RE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH GOOD HAIR!
BE CAREFUL. OUR FAMILY'S GENE FOR BALDING COULD ALMOST BE AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL ASSET!
AH!
HAYATO-SAN..
ARE YOU TAKING OVER YOUR FATHER'S WORK?


HAYATO-SAN'S FATHER IS A CRAFTSMAN WHO MAKES METAL COLLARS FOR SWORDS
YEP.
I REBELLED AND BECAME A DELINQUENT FOR A WHILE,
BUT I THOUGHT IT'D BE A SHAME FOR MY FATHER'S ART TO DIE OUT.
THE METAL COLLAR IS A PERFECT FIT FOR THE SWORD AND COMES INTO CONTACT WITH THE HILT, WASHER, GUARD, AND SHEATH.
THE COPPER IS BEATEN INTO SHAPE WITH A HAMMER AND FILED
AND WON'T TOUCH THE EDGE OF THE SHEATH
THE BLADE SITS GENTLY
BECAUSE THE METAL COLLAR SUPPORTS THE BLADE,

HAYATO WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL BACK THEN...
BUT NOW A CRAFTSMAN WITH STRONG HANDS.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, AKIRA-CHAN?
...
I HEARD YOU'RE HELPING OUT AS A SWORD SHARPENER.
YOU KNOW THAT HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE DONE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, RIGHT?
UM..
EXCUSE ME!
WELCOME, SUSUMU-SAN! COME THIS WAY.
HE'S HERE!

WHOA, HE'S REALLY GOOD-LOOKING.
THAT GUY, HUH?
JEEZ...
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THAT WEAK LOOKING GUY?
HUH... HE'S...
SO, REI-CHAN LIKES HANDSOME GUYS?
SHE ALWAYS HAS. DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
ARE YOU HERE, AKIRA-KUN?
YOU SAW HIM, DIDN'T YOU? WHAT DID YOU THINK?!
IS HE A BAD GUY? A GOOD GUY? WHICH OF THE TWO?!
D-DON'T BE STUPID!
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REI-CHAN, HAYATO-SAN?

ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO HAVE HIS CHILD, TOO!
HE'S INVOLVED WITH THREE OTHER WOMEN!
SAY HE'S NO GOOD! HER FATHER SHOULD TRUST YOUR JUDGE-MENT!
WELL, AKIRA-KUN?
CAN YOU TELL ME?
NO MATTER HOW BAD HER PARTNER MIGHT BE, IF HER MARRIAGE IS CALLED OFF BECAUSE OF ANOTHER PERSON'S INTER-FERENCE,
REI-CHAN WOULD END UP UNHAPPY IN A DIFFERENT SENSE.
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, AKIRA! YOU'RE NOT A TEARFUL CHILD ANY-MORE!

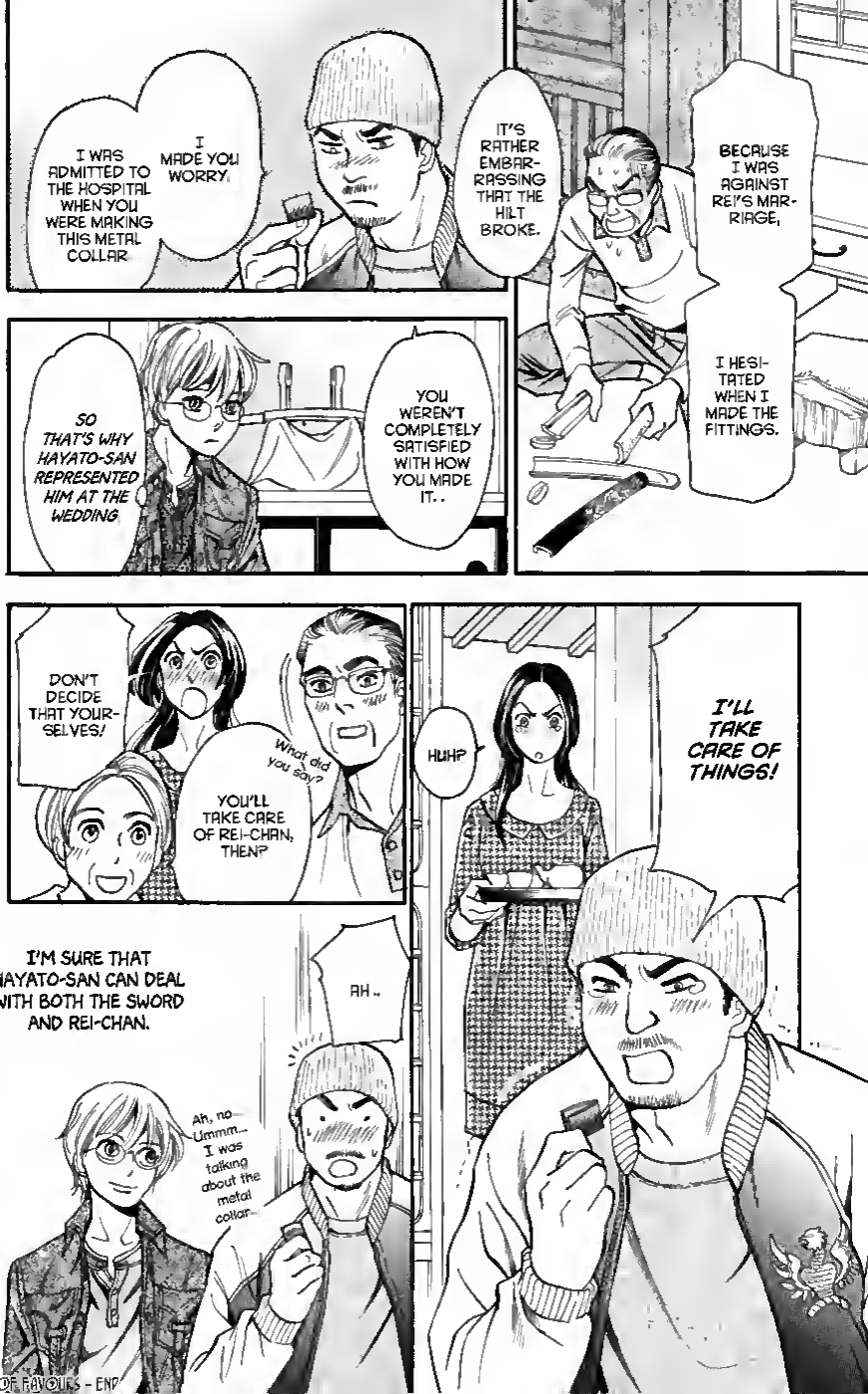
NOT ONE OF THEM IS BEHAVING AS THEY SHOULD.
HUH? COME AGAIN?
DO YOU HAVE...
REI-CHAN'S PROTEC-TIVE SWORD?
THREE GROWN MEN...
AND ONE PROTECTIVE SWORD ARE ALL TOGE-THER...
OLD MAN! YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP IT IN A PLAIN SHEATH WHEN IT'S IN STORAGE!
I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE IT AGAIN AFTER THE CERE-MONY..
HURRY UP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DAD?
AH, SORRY. IT'LL BE DONE SOON

AH!
WATCH OUT!
FIAP
THE FITTINGS ARE BROKEN...
THE METAL COLLAR FELL OFF...

NOW I'VE BEEN FREED FROM THE LOOSENED YOKE.
COME.
TAKE THE SWORD,
AND HOLD IT TOWARDS MY MISTRESS.
AN EARTHQUAKE?!

REI-
CHAN!

EXCUSE ME,
SUSUMU-SAN IS HERE, ISN'T HE?
I USED GPS TO TRACK YOU.
HUH?
I... I SAID THAT I WAS CARRYING YOUR CHILD,
DIDN'T IP
PRO-TECTIVE SWORDS ...
ARE TOO STRONG...
HMPH
THIS IS NOTHING WHEN I'VE BEEN SAVING UP MY PROTECTIVE STRENGTH FOR TEN YEARS.


I WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL WHEN YOU WERE MAKING THIS METAL COLLAR.
I MADE YOU WORRY.
IT'S RATHER EMBARRASSING THAT THE HILT BROKE.
BECAUSE I WAS AGAINST REI'S MARRIAGE,
I HESITATED WHEN I MADE THE FITTINGS.
SO THAT'S WHY HAYATO-SAN REPRESENTED HIM AT THE WEDDING.
YOU WEREN'T COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH HOW YOU MADE IT..
DON'T DECIDE THAT YOURSELVES!
What did you say?
YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF REI-CHAN, THEN?
HUH?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS!
I'M SURE THAT HAYATO-SAN CAN DEAL WITH BOTH THE SWORD AND REI-CHAN.
AH..
Ah, no... Ummm... I was talking about the metal collar...

SWORD OF FAVOURS - END